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FOCHT PROMISES PLAYGROUND FOR EVERY D. C. CHILD

Chairman of House District Committee to Introduce Bill in Congress at Once.

PERMITS TAKING OVER OF ANY VACANT LOTS

Credits Col. Livingston With New Idea-Puts Plan Before Commissioners.

Plenty of playgrounds for the children in every section of the city is the purpose behind a bill which Chairman Focht of the House District committee says he will introduce either to-

day or tomorrow. buildings so as to get playgrounds a suitable tax reduction, according to exactly where we want them adjoin- Chairman Fordney of the House ways ing school properties," said Mr. Focht, "and to meet this situation my bill will provide for taking over any vacant lot in any part of the city that the District authorities desire to use

"No matter who is owner of the property, I propose that we take it over under act of Congress for the use of the children until such time as the owner of the property can prome to us a bona fide intention of building upon that lot."

Representative Focht said that he has written to the District authorities asking them to draft a hill along

asking them to draft a bill along these lines so that it will adequately cover any properties they desire to use for playgrounds.

to Col. Colin H. Livingston.

Information furnished representative Focht shows that Washington is lagging behind in providing playground facilities for its boys and girls.

In Boston, where the playground idea originated in the United States, there are three times as many city-operated playgrounds as in Washington, it is said, although its population is but slightly more than half again as large. In other Massachusetts cities the playground idea is well worked out.

Many other cities of equal or larger population than Washington show rapid growth in playgrounds, it is stated.

States Railroad Administration," he continued, "whose services can be easily dispensed with just as goon as the affairs of the railroads, growing out of governmental control of the Milions upon millions of public moneys squandered in the name of the Shipping Board, which will be reduced. There will be less money spent for the Navy and Army, and with the prospects of a world-wide disarmament, the chances are especially bright for a still lighter burden to be borne by the American people.

The Law Passage. He gives credit for the suggestion to Col. Colin H. Livingston.
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Tax Law Passage.

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Playgrounds in Other Cities.

In Minneapolis, which has a population about equal to that of the District, there are twice as many municipally operated playgrounds. Des Moines, with a population one-fourth of this city, has eighteen playgrounds to compare with Washington's twenty-five. Harrisburg, Pa., whose population is one-sixth of that of this city, has he same number. Sacramento, Calif., with 75,000 inhabitants, has just as many public playgrounds, said this afternoon that she had not been informed of the bill which Representative Focht prothat she had not been informed of the bill which Representative Focht pro-poses to introduce in the interest of providing playgrounds for Washing-ton children. She expressed opinion that the quickest and most satisfac-tory way to meet the playgrounds situation would be to authorize the immediate opening up of the sixty situation would be to authorize the immediate opening up of the sixty odd school playgrounds and the setting aside of space in certain parts for recreational activities.

Mrs. Rhodes conferred with Com-

missioner Oyster today regarding the playgrounds situation, and is studying the problems with a view to making recommendations for comprehensive development in her estimates for the playgrounds department during the next fiscal year. Mrs. Rhodes has pointed out that

seventy-two school playgrounds have on them some type of play equipment. Few of the school playgrounds are large, and few are equipped to a great extent. However, she is of the opinion they would make admirable play centers where children can go to play in their immediate neighbor-

hoods.
One reason why all the public school playgrounds have not been thrown open to the children during the summer is due to the lack of funds with which to pay a corps of leaders. Money appropriation for the municipal playgrounds has been sufficient only to maintain them. Funds appropriated for the school playground maintenance have only been sufficient to keep a few of them open during the session of the summer or vacation schools, and then for only half a day.

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DEFEAT OF TURKS MAY FORCE PEACE

the victory they gained over the Tyrkish nationalists in the fighting brought on by the attempt of the Kemalites to recapture the key-point

Coaches in France.

CHAGNY, France, July 25 .- Three masked men held up and robbed the rst class passenger Paris-Mareille express train near here early today. The bandits shot dead one man who refused to raise his hands

and wounded another.

After securing a quanity of booty the bandits pulled the signal cord and jumped off as the train was slowing down a mile outside of Chagny, making their escape before the train crew became alarmed.

ECONOMY TO DROP FEDERAL WORKERS

Further Reductions in Government Personnel Will Be Made.

Reductions in the number of government employes, especially those assigned when the vastly expanded war-servto the District of Columbia, are likely to lice force is being reduced to the follow as one of the means of reducing "We cannot tear down big brick expenses with the view to bringing about and means committee, who conferred with the President today.

According to Mr. Fordney, there were 85,000 persons on the government's pay roll in Washington alone on March 31, last, compared to less than 35,000 at the outbreak of the war. This indicated to him that there is much room for slashing in the name of economy.

Pre-War Level Impossible.

"Of course, I do not believe that the number of federal employes in the National Capital can be reduced to the prewar level," Mr. Fordney stated, "but we can make substantial reductions in the force without crippling the govern-mental machinery or reducing effici-

mental machinery or reducing efficiency."

"The government is maintaining a substantial force of clerks at the United States Railroad Administration," he continued, "whose services

EXPECT PRESIDENT TO APPOINT TYLER

Major May Be Named to Map **Water Conservation** Plans.

Maj. M. C. Tyler, District engineer Maj. M. C. Tyler, District engineer officer, may be delegated by President Harding to work out a plan for water saving by the various government departments in the District. ment departments in the District. Secretary to the President, George
B. Christian, jr., has given considerable study to the water situation and
eccently summoned Maj. Gen. Lansing H. Beach, chief of engineers of the Army, to the White House for a conference on the subject. Gen. Beach, this law is more honored in the it is understood, has recommended that Maj. Tyler be given authority to handle the matter.

This law is more honored in the breach than in the observance. It should either be construed out of existence or it should be repealed outright.

Conservation in Force.

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Water conservation measures already have been instituted by several departments and, in the event of Maj. Tyler being selected to direct a general conservation program, his first duty will be to co-ordinate the efforts now being made to prevent waste. The State, War and Navy and Agriculture department are now saving between them nearly a million and a half gallons of water daily as a result of having shut down their separate power plants. The bureau of engraving and printing and the government printing office have instituted investigation looking toward a possible saving of several million gallons more daily.

Consumption Drops.

Greeks Pursue Enemy Following Decisive Victory at Eski-Shehr.

By the Associated Press.

ATHENS, July 25 (Greek Official Agency).—The Greeks in Asia Minor have been following up energetically the victory they gained over the Consumption Drops.

Today's News in Paragraphs

BANDITS HOLD UP TRAIN. Daring Robbery of Passenger APPORTIONNEN OF OFFICES LAW

Unsound in Principle, Vicious in Practice; Hurtful to Nation and Capital in War and Peace: Helpful to Nobody.

Editorial Correspondence of The Star. THEODORE W. NOYES.

The apportionment of offices law hich distributes the classified service offices like bandit spoils among the states in proportion to their population strength, has during the war and reconstruction periods demonstrated doubly its viciousness; first when the human-service machinery was being enlarged and developed to high efficiency in order that we might surely and quickly bring victory in the world struggle; and now,

peace basis, Law a Failure in War-Time. Heavy additional war-time labors a the capital called for more and more civilian Americans to do this essen-tial work. What was the natural civilian Americans to do this estail tail work. What was the natural labor source of supply to meet this increased demand? First, of course, the local source, the Americans already locally housed and acquainted with local conditions and facilities, which enabled them to live here more cheaply. So far as additional war workers in the classified service were concerned, in what condition did Uncle Sam as an employer find himself? Under a strict construction and rigid enforcement of the apportionment of offices law the use of the local source of classified labor supply was prohibited, since the District's quota of the office spoils has long ago been exhausted.

Under these circumstances the government invited a multitude of unterlined workers from all over the

Under these circumstances the government invited a multitude of untrained workers from all over the United States to come to Washington to do this work. They came in unnecessarily large numbers, so that there were not sufficient dwellings or suitable rooms to house the multitude.

Law Necessarily Suspended.

But Uncle Sam, finding himself crippled by this unwise, hurtful, un-businesslike law in the campaign for efficiency in war preparedness, in businessinke law in the campaign for efficiency in war preparedness, in effect suspended the law in the war industries during the war emergency. Now, when the time has come to reduce the classified service force to the peace basis, attention is called to the fact that the District and the nearby states have more than their quota of the official "spoils," and de-

principle and hurtful in practice in peace time as in war.

If the District had not sent its sons to war like the states, but had kept them safely at home to monopolize the government's civilian employments, there would be basis for the suggestion that the cutting-down that the money was kept is government, with it and the during the war and place. ments, there would be oasis for the suggestion that the cutting-down process should begin with it and should continue until only its quota remained. But the District sent more soldiers to camp and to Europe than seven states, and in percentage of the total force who were volunteers it surpassed forty-three of the states.

The District has more than its "quota" of the classified service because in meeting the government's need for Americans to do this necessary work its men and women have been more available and by experience more efficient.

more efficient. Law Vicious in Both War and Peace.

As in building up the war force the law had to be disregarded in order that the government might be efficiently served and the war won, so bottom of this case."

"It shows," said Mr. Johnson, "that while somebody has been opening mail of the well known enemies of our country, they also are opening mine when I am trying to get at the bottom of this case." state from which they hailed, had to

outright.

munity.

The consistent policy of Congress, The consistent policy of Congress, as state and city legislature for the capital, has been to discourage local factories and industrial plants and in effect, to prohibit all manufacturing industries except those of the government, like the government printing office, the bureau of engraving and printing and all the great government departments which correspond to the industrial plants of other American cities. Having thus monopolized the most important of the District's national-local industries, the government, under the apportionment of offices law, in effect prohibits the employment in these industries of Washingtonians.

Must Go Abroad to Get Work at Home It compels a showing of residence outside the District to get this em-

It compels a showing of residence outside the District to get this em-ployment in the District. It requires the Washingtonian to exile himself



FATHER SUPPORTS CAMPBELL'S STORY

Says Major Accused by Mrs. Bergdoll Got Money From Racehorse Man.

William R. Campbell of Lexington,

the time of the alleged payment.

The money his fether said, was placed with Milton Toung, a race noise man at Lexington, in 1915. Two years later, he added, Young gave him a package containing the learger amount, which was

been opened in transit, "It shows," said Mr.

Says He Speculated on Anything. "You mean to say that your son, with-out being told for what purpose it was to be used and without taking a receipt, gave Young \$500 for specula-tion?" John H. Sherburne, committee counsel, asked.
"Yes," the father replied.
"Did Young speculate on the mar-ket?"

"He speculated on anything."
"And you just took the \$6,000 later without asking questions and gave it

Most of the money was in \$500 bills, he said. There was no letter in the package showing by what sort of trading the sum had grown, the wit-ness declared. Telegram From Bank.

meritorious American applicants, irrespective of their residence in a particular state or territory or the District of Columbia.

Hurtful Both to Capital and Nation.

Uncle Sam, while wisely suspending the law in war for his own (the national) benefit, has doubtless learned from his war observation and experience how wickedly discriminating, inequitable and injurious it is at all times to the unrepresented and helpless people of the capital community.

Telegram From Bank.

While the committee was in session Maj. Campbell received a telegram from the Ford National Bank at New York saying that in 1917 there was deposited with that bank \$5,027 to the account of Laura Campbell, his wife. The telegram corroborated Maj. Campbell's testimony last week to this effect.

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bell replied, adding that in turning over the money the son told Young

vindicated by its results and is firmly established in popular favor.

kemalities to recapture the key-point of Eski-Shehr, on the Bagdad rail-way, according to official advices from the fighting front received here. The Greeks captured forty guns and took a great number of prisoners, the announcement states. Within a short time after the close of the battle and the definite repulse of the Turkish effort the Greeks had advanced more than twenty-five miles to the east of Facel pursuit of the enemy toward their pursuit of the enemy toward their pursuit of the battle for Eski-Shehr, saves the battle for Eski-Shehr, saves the battle for Eski-Shehr, saves to five for the first of Obstacle to D. C. Representation.

OPPOSITION IN HOUSE

Mondell Says Recess Would Be Mistake-Mann Fears Effect of Dog Days.

Opposition to remaining in session confor consideration developed today in the House among both republicans and democrats. Representative Mondell, the republican leader, however, declared emphatically it would be a mistake to take an extended recess at this time.

WUKKEKS 10 HAVE LOST-JOB HEARING

Mr. Mellon's Committee Will Consider Cases in Bureau of Engraving-Printing.

Charges of discrimination and uno'clock. Controller of the Currency Crissinger is chairman of the commit-

About fifteen complaints have been filed with Secretary Mellon by as many employes out of approximately 500 affected by the recent cut in personnel, which was principally among the woman employes. Generally, the charges are that the complainants should have been kept on by reason of sentents. should have been kept on by reason of seniority.

They charge also favoritism in that other employes with a fewer number of years" service were kept, while they were forced out.

The committee, in addition to Chairman Crissinger, consists of William T. Abbott, assistant director of the budget; W. G. Platt, chief clerk and superintendent of the Treasury; F. R. Jacobs, office of the commissioner of public debt; Charles Stevenson, assistant chief of the division of customs, and James E. Harper, chief of the division of appointments. The last named is secretary of the committee. retary of the committee.

It had been planned to hold the hearing today, but when the complainants appeared they brought counsel with them, and the latter asked an extension until Thursday,

FIRE DESTROYS SHIP.

n order to prepare the cases for heir clients.

British Schooner, Acadian Queen, Burns Off Bahamas.

TO CONTINUOUS SESSION INJUNCTION HALTS SEIZURE OF SHIPS

tinuously until the revenue bill is ready Attorneys Wilson and Colby Appear for U. S. Mail Company.

NEW YORK, July 25 .- A temporary

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Johnson's Mail Opened.

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Mr. Campbell was examined first by his son, who had previously testified the revenue bill would not be ready for the House for a month or six weeks.

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The temporary injunction will be the discussion of Bainbridge on application of Bainbridge Board, and the six other members, as well as United States Marshal Mc-Cathy and officials of the United American lines, to which temporary operation of the seized ships was asigned by the board on Saturday. Its

Meanwhile, word came from Ho-boken that the United American lines was making its first attempt to Charges of discrimination and unfairness in recent discharges at the bureau of engraving and printing are to be aired before a committee appointed by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon Thursday morning at 10 Mellon Thu pany, that two men had been or-dered off the piers by guards em-ployed by the United American lines. The fight of the United States Mail The fight of the United States Man Steamship Company to regain possession of the vessels will be "carried to the floor of Congress, to republican leaders and to the cabinet," declared Mr. Quarles. He said it was a fight for the preservation of the United States flag on the high seas, adding that the government would be and that the government would be ap-prised of "the awful mistake made by prised of "the awful mistake made by the Shipping Board by playing into the hands of the enemy, into the hands of the people trying to take the American flag off the seas."

Mr. Quarles asserted his company had been notified that the American Seamen's Association would hold a meeting Wednesday night to protest against the seizure. Their motto, he said, was "American ships for American seamen." against the seizure. Their motto, he said, was "American ships for American seamen."

Mr. Colby and Mr. Nicoll characterized the Shipping Board's action as high handed, arbitrary and without license of law. The board must show cause to Justice Burr Thursday why the injunction should not be permanent.

To becloud the disarmament conference with extraneous questions before it begins, the Japanese will confine their attention to matters of commercial opportunity in the far east and avoid immigration subjects, which can best be dealt with by direct agreement between the individual powers vitally interested.

The American government holds that immigration government holds that immigration.

PRESIDENT IN FOURSOME.

Barnes and McLeod to Take Part in Golf Game Today.

President Harding will late this afternoon go to the Columbia Country Club, where he will play an eighteenhole foursome of golf with Jim Barnes
of New York, winner of the open
golf tournament here last week; Fred
McLeod of this city, who was second
in the tournament, and Robert Small,
are nhraseology used and the prin-TURKS ISLAND, Bahama, July 24.—The Acadian Queen, a British schooner of 491 gross tons, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The crew was saved. The vessel was partly laden with salt. The cause of the fire is not known.

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SECRETARY DAVIS USES WELSH TO PREVENT MESSAGE LEAKS

When is a confidential telegram message over the lines of the two not a confidential telegram? This question has been puzzling Secretary of Labor Davis. Learning that some of his telegrams on various governmental matters were leaking out, the Labor Secretary recently adopted a new method of thwarting the ambitions of those who read his confidential wires. To do this he adopted two methods, both of them new to government usage and apparently better than the old code method. The first and probably the most efficacious was that of sending the

message over the lines of the two big telegraph companies, splitting it up into sections so that no section was complete without the other. This was done in the case of a recent coal controversy in Kentucky. The second method was by sending the telegram in Welsh, the native language of the Labor Secretary. As president of the national Welsh organization in the United States, Secretary Davis saw that his wires in Welsh went through without interference.

The Secretary said he was forced to devise some such means of protecting his confidential telegrams.

as he had found news leaking out as he had found news leaking out when wires were sent in the regular way.

American Ambassador Arrives to

MR. CHILD IN ROME.

Take Up Duties.

ROME, July 25 .- Richard Washburn Child, newly appointed American ambassador to Italy, arrived here last evening, accompanied by his family and his secretary.

The party was met by Franklin M. Gunther, counselor of the American embassy, and went temporarily to the Grand Hotel, where they will remain while looking for a suitable

AGENDA IN PARLEY ON DISARMAMENT **IMPORTANT POINT**

Secretary Hughes Eager to **Begin Draft of Program** of Suggestions.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

Japan is ready to accept America's invitation to participate in the disthe invitation Japan does not bind Mansion house. herself to discuss anything which she wishes to exclude from the scope of conference begins.

general way-disarmament and peace is an elected member of the southern in the far east.

n the far east.

These statements from officials of bor in the republican cabinet. our government who are in touch with the negotiations describe the status of the interchanges between Japan and the United States thus far. Asked Powers Informally.

Our government originally asked all the powers informally if an invitation to a disarmament conference would be acceptable. That is diplomacy's way of avoiding a direct turndown. The informal inquiries resulted in agreeable statements from all the powers and formal invitations were promptly sent. Japan is just now replying informally that an invitation would be acceptable. After that a formal invitation must be sent and Ky., father of Maj. Bruce R. Campbell, charged with accepting \$5,000 from Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll to aid in obtaining freedom for Grover Bergdoll, told a House committee investigating Bergdoll's escape today that the major was telling the truth last week when he testified about a five-hundred-dollar investment increasing to six thousand dollars. Maj. Campbell said this accounted for a deposit to his account of \$4,500 at about the time of the alleged payment.

All the House remains in session during the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction of the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency injunction restraining the United States Shipping Board, the Emergency in Elevation o

Will Be Arranged by Cable.

demand a declaration in favor of signed by the board on Saturday. Its effect for a few days at least will be to restore operation of the ships to the United States Mail Company as they were before the seizure.

Ship Likely to Sall.

Counsel for the United States Mail Steamship Company asserted that Justice Byrr's order would permit the steamer America to sail from here tomorrow under their client's management.

demand a declaration in favor of racial equality, as she did at the Paris members of that body who are still in spiroton, in accordance with the request of the republican leader, already made, says the Daily Mail. It is understood that those detained number between thirty and forty, while about ninety are at liberty.

The question of general amnesty in Ireland has been mooted, but, according to the Mail, the government regards this anything the recomment will release the members of that body who are still in spiroton, in accordance with the republican leader, already made. Says the Daily Mail. It is understood that those detained number between thirty and forty, while about ninety are at liberty.

The question of general amnesty in the the programs are that by the stime the programs are at liberty. racial discrimination question will have been disposed of so it will not be an obstacle to the conference. It will be far easier for Japanese public opinion to understand the complete omission of the racial equality issue than to have the great powers dis-cuss such a moot point and be forced to the expression of varying opinions. Japanese pride would rather not have

the powers publicity discuss such a question.

The Japanese consider themselves racially the equal of any other race. racially the equal of any other race, and to petition for a declaration on the subject might seem to be expressing a doubt whether such a right of equality is actually possessed. Japan gains more in the long run by assuming that she is the equal racially of any other nation and insisting upon rights of equality than by raising the subject in a world conference. Its would be the same if the United States or any other power pctithat America was a sovereign state

Immigration to Be Avoided. The changes are that notwithstand-ing some efforts that are being made to becloud the disarmament confer-

tion and as such hardly debatable.

Its economic and not political aspects are uppermost. The last immigration bill has revealed the desire of the American government to protect its workers from cheap labor of all races, and that right of eco-nomic protection will never be sub-mitted to an international conference by the Harding administration. Now that Japan is ready to enter act phraseology used and the prin-ciples enunciated. Secretary Hughes ciples enunciated. Secretary Hugnes is eager to get at that part of the business, and as soon as Japan's acceptance is here within the next twenty-four hours he will begin to draft a program of suggestions. (Copyright, 1921.)

KWANGSI EFFORTS FAIL. Canton Troops Force Collapse of

Lu Yung Ting Campaign.

canton, china, July 24.—The war on the province of Kwangtung which has been waged for several months by Kwangsi militarists under the direction of Inspector General Lu Yung Ting, the Kwangsi war lord, has virtually ended.

Troops of the Canton government the point of occupying Nan-

VALERA TAKES UP BRITISH PROPOSAL WITH HIS CABINET

TWO CENTS.

Countess Markievicz, Freed From Prison, Has Share in Deliberations.

LLOYD GEORGE SILENT ON SETTLEMENT TERMS

Premier to Make Statement in House of Commons as Soon as Irish Take Action.

By the Associated Press. DUBLIN, July 25 .- The Irish peace proposals made by Premier Lloyd George to Eamon de Valera in London last week were taken up by the republican leader and his cabinet

today. The cabinet, which began its sesarmament conference. In accepting sions during the forenoon, met at the

Countess Markievicz, who was released from Mount Joy prison Sund the conference, such as questions re- day, sat with the cabinet and took lating to Shantung or Yap, or other part in the discussion over the promatters which Japan may consider posed peace terms. The countess, to have been closed by the time the who was sentenced last December to two years' imprisonment at hard America has not specified what sub- labor on the charge of having conjects will be discussed except in a spired to organize a seditious society,

> Published Terms "Inaccurate." LONDON, July 25 .- The statement with regard to the Irish peace negotiations which it was hoped Mr. Lloyd George, the prime minister, would make in the house of commons today was not forthcoming, the premier saying in reply to questions premier saying in reply to questions that he hoped to be in a position to make a statement shortly.
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> "I shall make an announcement as soon as it is possible to make it without endangering the successful issue of the negotiations." said Mr. Lloyd George, "but I warn the members they must not accept accounts in the public press as to the terms, because all those I have seen are inaccurate."

inaccurate. Awaits Sinn Fein Action.

due to the fact that Eamonn de Valera and his colleagues were still Valera and his colleagues were still considering them, and have not indicated the Sinn Fein's attitude toward the proposals.

Reports from Dublin today stated that the republican leader and his cabinet were in consultation this forenoon, but there was no indication as to their progress in the consideration of the peace offer.

The premier's inability to make a statement today as to the terms was

READY TO FREE PRISONERS.

Britain Will Make Possible Full

Dispatches from London and other capitals predicting that Japan would raise the question of immigration and decides to summon the Dail Efrean a full attendance will be possible, as the British government will release the

proposed, however, the paper adds, soon to remove the restrictions on travel in Ireland in order to induce English and American visitors to go there as before Ireland is officially stated to be more

peaceful and freer of crime than for many years. ULSTER IS OPTIMISTIC.

Believes Lloyd George Guarantees Were Given to Premier Craig.

By the Associated Press. BELFAST, Ireland, July 24 .- The belief appears general in Belfast that Eamon de Valera, the Irish republican leader, will not accept the terms of the British government for a settle-ment of the Irish question, which fall by raising the subject in a world con-ference. It would be the same if the United States or any other power pcti-tioned a world conference to declare offer is fiscal control, which implies dominionism for Ireland outside the six northern counties, and, unless spe-cial provision is made to the contrary, it is believed likely to prove the strongest lever for forcing Ulster to join with the southern parliament.
The prospects, so far as actions may
be judged are not disconcerting to
the northern cabinet. Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, has left for Scot-land with his wife and daughter to join his sons, who now are on holiday there, and John Miller Andrews, Ulster minister of labor, who is also president of the Ulster Unionist Labor Association, did not attend the month ly meeting of that body last night Althoug not officially stated, it is generally believed here that the Ulster government has received the most positive guarantees from the British prime minister, Mr. Lloyd

CONFIDENCE PLEASES.

Vote of Italian Deputies Passes All

Expectations. ROME, July 24.—The victory of the government in the chamber of deputies Saturday, when it received a vote of confidence by a majority of 166 on its declaration of policy, passed all expectations.

The vote gives the administration, according to parliamentary circles, the power to continue its announced policy of suppressing the fratricidal struggle between the extreme nationalists and communists, now rampant in certain parts of the country.

TAKE OFF PASSENGERS.

Fire Scare on Steamer Maryland Causes Quick Action.

NORFOLK, Va., July 25.—Passengers aboard the N. Y., P. and N. steamer Maryland, which plies between Cape Charles, Old Point and Norfolk, were put ashore at Old Point yesterday when smoke rose in large volumes from the hold. It was some time before it was discovered that a piece of waste was smoldering and Troops of the Canton government are on the point of occupying Nanking, capital of the province of Kwangsi, and Gen. Lu Yung Ting is reported to have declared his intention of resigning the inspector generalship under which he has been exercising authority on behalf of the Peking government. This is taken to mean the entire collaspe of the Kwangsi military organisation.

Attendance of Dail Eireann.